



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Management Track Assessment for Atlantic Mackerel, Black Sea Bass, Golden Tilefish, and Scup Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: NMFS and the Assessment Oversight Panel (AOP) will convene the Management Track Assessment Peer Review Meeting for the purpose of reviewing Atlantic mackerel, black sea bass, golden tilefish, and scup. The Management Track Assessment Peer Review is a formal scientific peer-review process for evaluating and presenting stock assessment results to managers for fish stocks in the offshore U.S. waters of the northwest Atlantic. Assessments are prepared by the lead stock assessment analyst and reviewed by an independent panel of stock assessment experts called the AOP. The public is invited to attend the presentations and discussions between the review panel and the scientists who have participated in the stock assessment process.

DATES: The public portion of the Management Track Assessment Peer Review Meeting will be held from June 28, 2021 – July 1, 2021. The meeting will conclude on July 1, 2021 at 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. Please see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for the daily meeting agenda.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via Google Meet (<https://meet.google.com/tvt-hfpg-jnd>).

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For further information, please visit the

Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC) website at

[https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/new-england-mid-atlantic/population-](https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/new-england-mid-atlantic/population-assessments/fishery-stock-assessments-new-england-and-mid-atlantic)

[assessments/fishery-stock-assessments-new-england-and-mid-atlantic](https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/new-england-mid-atlantic/population-assessments/fishery-stock-assessments-new-england-and-mid-atlantic). For additional

information about the AOP meeting and the stock assessment peer review, please visit the

NMFS/NEFSC webpage at [https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/new-england-mid-](https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/new-england-mid-atlantic/population-assessments/management-track-stock-assessments)

[atlantic/population-assessments/management-track-stock-assessments](https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/new-england-mid-atlantic/population-assessments/management-track-stock-assessments).

Daily Meeting Agenda – Management Track Peer Review Meeting

The agenda is subject to change; all times are approximate and may be changed at the discretion of the Peer Review Chair.

Monday, June 28, 2021

Time	Activity	Lead
9 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	Welcome/Logistics Introductions/Process	Russ Brown/ Michele Traver
9:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Background/AOP Review	Russ Brown
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Black Sea Bass	Gary Shepherd
10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Break	
10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Black Sea Bass cont.	Gary Shepherd
11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Discussion/Review/Summary	Review Panel
12:15 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Public Comment	Public
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch	
1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Golden Tilefish	Paul Nitschke
2:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.	Discussion/Review/Summary	Review Panel
3 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	Break	
3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	Scup	Mark Terceiro
4:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.	Discussion/Review/Summary	
4:45 p.m. – 5 p.m.	Public Comment	Public
5 p.m.	Adjourn	

Tuesday, June 29, 2021

Time	Activity	Lead
9 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	Brief Overview and Logistics	Michele Traver/ Tom Miller (Chair)
9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Atlantic Mackerel	Kiersten Curti
10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Break	
10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Atlantic Mackerel cont.	Kiersten Curti

Time	Activity	Lead
11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Discussion/Review/Summary	Review Panel
12 p.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Public Comment	Public
12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.	Lunch	
1:15 p.m. – 3 p.m.	Follow-Ups	Review Panel/Analysts
3 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	Break	
3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Report Writing	Review Panel
4:30 p.m.	Adjourn	

Wednesday, June 30, 2021

Time	Activity	Lead
9 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Follow-Ups/Report Writing	Review Panel
12 p.m. – 1 p.m.	Lunch	
1 p.m. – 5 p.m.	Report Writing	Review Panel
5 p.m.	Adjourn	

**Thursday, July 1, 2021 Will Be Used for Report Writing if Necessary*

The meeting is open to the public; however, during the ‘Report Writing’ session on Wednesday, June 30th, and Thursday, July 1st, the public should not engage in discussion with the Peer Review Panel.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Special requests should be directed to Michele Traver, via email, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: June 22, 2021.

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